

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

of the

LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC., 1085 Great Road, Lincoln RI 02865

Held April 13, 2010

CALL OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., April 13, 2010.

Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr., Mr. Mark Krieger, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood, Mr. Paul Harrison, Mrs. Margaret Lawton, Mr. Robert Theroux, and several firefighters.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to suspend the regular order of the Agenda to go directly to Appointment of Commissioner under Old Business. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Commissioner

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Harrison of Cobble Hill Road to fill out the term of Mr. James V. Isherwood. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2010 MEETING:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting as written and presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2010 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2010 Executive Session and for them to remain sealed. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Deputy Chief Todd Tucker reviewed the activities of the Honor Guard and advised the Board that they had been paying for all the equipment needed. He showed the Commissioners one of two axes that had just been purchased. He asked the Board for any financial help they felt the Budget could afford.

Mr. Krieger stated the Honor Guard was good for the morale of the Department and hoped that realistic costs could be presented to be

included for the next Budget.

Chief Sylvester commended the Deputy Chief for his dedication in this and other projects.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

Mr. Krieger questioned if the EMS report should be for the month of March instead of February, which it was.

Mr. Krieger stated that, as a resident, he had heard many compliments on the service from the firefighters during the flood period. He thanked the Assistant Chief for getting his sump pump started.

Mr. Ronald E. Rivet praised the firefighters for a job well-done in the Flood of 2010.

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Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. thanked the firefighters for the outstanding job they had done. He stated that he had called an outside vendor to get his basement pumped out. He noted that the Department offered a great value to the citizens by doing the pumping for free when he had been quoted \$300. Additionally, he was very pleased with the

follow-up visits made by the firefighters.

Chief Sylvester thanked everyone for their efforts during the flood.

When told that Quinnville was not going to pay a share of the new Vision21, Mr. Rivet asked how they received calls. Chief Sylvester responded that they were still hard-wired.

Mr. Turner and Mr. Krieger amended their motions to approve the Chief's Report to include the correction of month in the EMS Report. With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Ms. Heaton stated that Riatta Realty's outstanding debt had been resolved. Mr. Krieger said he would check on bankruptcies for Mr. Mecurio.

Potential tax sale properties were reviewed.

After discussing the cost of the Rhody 5K, and the organizations that benefit, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to see if Twin River

management would allow the Department to participate with a \$100 donation, not the Bronze Sponsorship. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the refunds as presented in the amount of \$318.20. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

With no further discussion, the Tax Collector's Report was approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

Mr. Rivet asked why the Accident & Sickness premium might have a large increase if the merger of districts goes through. Ms. Wood advised him that the rating would no longer be done on the same type of group.

Mr. Krieger asked if personnel costs were a large part of the \$30,000 expenses given to the Town for possible FEMA reimbursement. Ms. Wood verified that it was, but despite the volume of calls and man-hours, no overtime expenses had been incurred.

With no further questions, the Treasurer's Report was approved with

all Commissioners in agreement.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll Expenses: **dated 03/11/10-04/08/10 in the**
amount of \$105,817.79

Interim Expenses: dated 03/12/10-04/08/10 in
the amount of \$ 33,735.70

Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses: dated 03/12/10-04/09/10 in
the amount of \$ 9,612.12

Bills for Initial Approval **dated 04/09/10-04/09/10 in the**
amount of \$ 67,647.85

Total: \$216,813.46

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Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval as presented in the amount of \$216,813.46. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS (cont.):

2. Out Injured Benefit Policy

Chief Sylvester advised the Commissioners that 45-19-1 was the State law that governs benefits when injured on duty. Mr. Rivet stated that one of the firefighters was going to provide information in a more readable format.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to defer discussion until the

June meeting. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion. When it was determined that copies of 45-19-1 could be issued within a few days, Mr. Turner amended his motion to defer discussion until the May meeting. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Retirement Age

Chief Sylvester asked to have the mandatory retirement age raised from 62 to 65. He stated that many of the valuable, experienced firefighters were getting close to age 62. He said that many long-term members had devoted years to the Department with little or no compensation and no retirement fund. He stated it was unfair to them to allow them only about five years to put funds away for retirement. He also noted that 65 was no longer considered old especially when the firefighters are in good health and required to have physicals.

Mr. Turner made a motion to allow those that were involved in the 457 (b) from its inception to have a mandatory retirement age of 65, but others would have to retire at 62. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion.

The Chief remarked that the Rules & Regs. allow the post-62 retirees to continue working at Twin River. He stated that the District would still be liable if anything happened to any of those firefighters.

Mr. Krieger withdrew his second of the motion and Mr. Turner

withdrew the motion. Mr. Krieger made a motion to defer the matter of retirement age to the May Agenda. Mr. Turner seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Heaton read a letter of thanks from the Cipriano's for her friendly help in processing a refund to them. She also advised the Board that Lime Rock had another winner in the Arson Watch Rewards program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. Wood

Recording Secretary